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### **New animal health, food safety institute at K-State Olathe campus will greatly expand research, economic activity in state** *Gov. Brownback, Commerce Secretary Pat George attend ribbon cutting*

Gov. Sam Brownback and Commerce Secretary Pat George praised the opening of the International Animal Health and Food Safety Institute on the Kansas State University Olathe Innovation Campus as a new chapter in the efforts to make Kansas a global center for research. Brownback and George attended the ribbon cutting today marking the formal opening of the new institute, located just east of Kansas Highway 7 on College Boulevard.

"This is a great day for Kansas and K-State," Brownback said. "The opening of this institute will strengthen the efforts to make our state a worldwide leader in animal health and food safety, which in turn will greatly expand our research and economic activity, and create jobs."

Brownback is hosting a series of Economic Summits focused on different industry sectors important to the state. The Animal Health Summit will be held on June 9 in Manhattan.

"This new institute will help K-State become one the nation's best research universities in the growing industry sector of animal health and food safety," George said. "This is a world-class facility that will help Kansas attract the brightest academic minds and the best innovative businesses to the Animal Health Corridor."

The institute is a \$28-million, 108,000-square-foot facility. The K-State Olathe campus will serve as a center for research, education and commercialization. Students earning master's and doctorate degrees in biosciences and biotechnology will work alongside scientists conducting research on the campus.

In addition, K-State Olathe also will partner with the Kansas City area companies in providing professional development training for employees. K-State Olathe is part of the Johnson County Education and Research Triangle initiative, a cooperative effort with the University of Kansas that involves KU's Edwards Campus and the KU Medical Center.

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